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Group is set up to fight for hospital

A PROTEST group is being formed and a petition gathered in the fight against plans that could see Kidderminster Hospital closed.

Campaigners hope the Kidderminster Hospital Alliance will unite political parties, residents and community groups to fight for the hospital.

A petition will be collected opposing the overhaul of hospital services in Worcestershire.

Campaigners hope to get a similar response to Redditch, where more than 20,000 people signed a petition to save Alexandra Hospital's A&E department.

Six options have been forwarded for the future of services, with two of them possibly spelling the end for Kidderminster Hospital.

The hospital which lost its A&E when it was downgraded by the Government in 2000.

The hospital alliance has been formed by the Labour party in Wyre Forest and organisers say they hope Tory MP Mark Garnier and the district's Conservative councillors will join.

A statement by the organisers says: "We are openly asking community groups, all the people of Wyre Forest, political parties and our MP to come together for the good of our district."

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Jaw broken in assault

A MAN'S jaw was broken in an assault outside a Kidderminster nightclub.

It happened outside Home nightclub in Dixon Street between 2.30am and 3am on July 7. The victim, who is in his 20s, had to undergo surgery.

A man was arrested on suspicion of assault and released on police bail until August 17.

Police want witnesses to call 0300 333 3000, quoting number 149-N-070712.

HERITAGE RAILWAY BEATS THE WEATHER

By Heather Large

THE Severn Valley Railway is beating the bad weather. The attraction has had 1,500 more visitors than expected despite torrential downpours.

The 16-mile steam line, which runs between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth, had expected to carry 68,900 passengers by the end of June. But the rain has failed to deter families and latest figures show that 70,387 people have boarded trains since the start of the year.

The figures compare almost exactly with those for the same period last year.

General manager Nick Ralls said: "We didn't set out to market the Severn Valley Railway as an all-weather attraction, but it looks as though a lot of people are seeing us in that light."

"A steam train allows you to cheat the bad weather every time - it's the best umbrella you could possibly have."

"But since we opened the Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley in 2008, we've been able to offer visitors a really worthwhile indoor attraction too"

Drainage

The glass canopy over the concourse at the railway's Kidderminster Town station has meant events including the two recent 1940s weekends have been unaffected by the weather.

Five years ago, the railway was devastated by torrential rain and floods which washed away the trackbed in many places.

This forced the closure of part of the line between Bewdley and Bridgnorth for nine months. A major rebuilding and drainage programme to protect the railway from flooding for the next 100 years, was completed in 2008 at a cost of more than £3.5 million.

Muddy buddies have a splashing time



Safari park staff plough through the puddles to raise money for species which face the threat of extinction

STAFF from the West Midlands Safari Park had a muddy good time when they donned fancy dress for a fun run.

The 1.6km cross-country route took runners round some of the safari park grounds that form part of the Devil's Spittleful - an area designated as a site of special scientific interest.

The area is usually closed to the public but spectators were able to catch

a rare glimpse of this part of the lowland heath site, which is being cared for by park staff with the help of a grant from Natural England.

The event, which was organized by Katie McDonald, the park's research and conservation officer, is especially important for the safari park because some of the animals there are from the group of animals that face extinction in the wild, namely the critically endangered Sumatran tiger and endangered rhino.

Katie said: "The run was an opportunity for staff to show their commitment to conservation at the same time as having fun."

Staff also raised £510 by organising an open evening at the Indian rhino house, bringing the total raised to £3,551.97, beating the target of £2,000.

The safari park is open daily until November 2, 2012. The standard admission charge is £14.99 for adults, £12.99 for children. For information see www.wmsp.co.uk

Town gets super-fast broadband connection

HIGH-SPEED fibre broadband is now available to the first homes and businesses in Kidderminster - several weeks ahead of schedule, BT announced.

More than 20,600 households and firms in the town will join the high-speed revolution as engineers complete the upgrades in the next few weeks.

The BT investment is expected to give a major boost to the local economy. A recent report by Regeneris Consulting predicted that over the next 15 years the technology could give the economy of a typical town a £143 million boost, create 225 new jobs, 140 new start-up businesses and 1,000 more homeworkers.

John Dovey, BT's regional director for the West Midlands, said: "The advent of fibre broadband in Kidderminster is a massive fillip for businesses and households."

"Fibre broadband will offer firms and households new ways of working flexibly and allow large data and video files to be sent and received almost instantly. Other benefits include access to high quality video-conferencing and better back-up of computer systems."

Man dies in car tragedy

A PEDESTRIAN died when he was hit by a car near Bewdley.

It happened at about 11.25pm on July 7, on the A456 Bewdley to Stourport road.

A man in his 30s was hit by a black Fiat Punto which was travelling towards Bewdley. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Pc Tony Paxton said: "We are eager to hear from anyone who may have seen the man or who may have witnessed the collision, and would ask them to contact us on 0300 333 3000, quoting incident reference 292-N-070712."

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Relief as Government scraps sale of forests

A DECISION not to sell Wyre Forest to private investors has been welcomed.

The Government decided that the country's woodland should stay in public ownership.

It means the Wyre Forest, stretching from Bewdley to the borders of Worcestershire and Shropshire, will continue to be managed by the Forestry Commission.

And Hugh Buttress, a member of the Wyre Forest Ramblers, said: "We are happy with the way the forest is run and we did not want anything to change."

Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman announced the decision last week.

Ministers

Plans to privatise the forests managed by the Forestry Commission provoked outcry when they were announced last year.

Protests resulted in the plans being put on hold 21 days after they were unveiled, and the Independent Panel on Forestry was set up to advise ministers.

The panel last week released a report saying the estate should remain as land held in trust for the nation. Mrs Spelman said: "Our forests will stay in public hands. We will not sell the public forest estate. We'll be talking to all those who are passionate about our forests to decide how we will manage our forests for the future."

Hundreds see a brolly good show



Laura, 10, Rebecca, Emma, 14, and Ian Stevens at the performance

MORE than 400 drama fans gathered for an outdoor performance of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* at Hagley Hall.

Showers greeted the audience but people were prepared for the weather and saw the Chapterhouse Theatre Company bring the tale to life.

A marquee was available but many chose to sit near the stage which was not covered.

Friends John Raphael, aged 51, and Julia Stevens, 45, from Hagley, even dressed in period costume for the event.

Mrs Stevens, a lecturer at Halesowen College, said: "I absolutely love

Jane Austen and have been looking forward to seeing the play for a long time. The atmosphere is great despite the weather."

Ian and Rebecca Stevens, of The Flats, Bromsgrove, were there with daughters Emma, 14, and Laura, 10.

Mrs Stevens said she had treated her family to tickets to celebrate her birthday. She added: "The weather has not put us off. The surroundings are great."

Hall spokesman Richard Patching said: "We were determined to go ahead. Despite the weather the turnout has been great."



John Raphael and Julia Stevens



Part of the Hagley Hall audience

Council's team win honour

WYRE Forest District Council's Recycling and Waste Management Team has been named Local Authority Team of the Year in the National Recycling Awards.

The awards reward and support the efforts of local authorities and the construction and retail sectors.

The Team of the Year Award for bringing innovative ideas to the waste management process went to Wyre Forest's garden waste crew.

Their excellent customer service and their work to bring in systems to produce efficiencies were highlighted.

The judges said the winning entry was a refreshing example of a small team with a big local impact, providing excellent services clearly appreciated by residents.

Councillor Marcus Hart said: "Many congratulations to the team. They have worked hard to bring about big changes which have helped us achieve efficiencies and improve the service."

Woman in crash

A WOMAN had to be cut from her car after it crashed into railings in Stourport Road, Kidderminster, last week.

It happened near the Wrens Next pub. The before was taken to Worcester Royal Hospital with neck and back pain.

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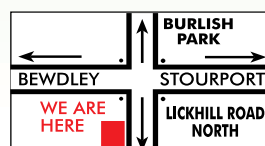
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Advice on offer for retirees

A RETIREMENT roadshow is coming to Kidderminster to help older people get to grips with issues that concern them.

The event, organised by The National Careline, is aimed at those who have retired or are close to it.

It will be held at Kidderminster Town Hall on July 21 from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Event organiser Barbara Davies said: "There are lots of areas that concern people - keeping healthy and well, and getting fitter.

"Things such as pensions, tax, money, housing, care, mobility and legal issues are tackled too.

"It aims to provide experts to give people the answers to questions."

Among the experts on hand at the event will be representatives from the Pensions Advisory Service, the team from Tax Help for Older People, and solicitors.

There will also be people who can advise on health, exercise and entertainment.

Asda and the Menzies Stourport Hotel are offering draw prizes for the event and money raised will go to charity.

On board to help

BRIDGNORTH Twinning Association hosts a fundraising learn-to-sail event at Chelmarsh Reservoir on July 20, £5 for adults and £3.50 for children. Sailing is from 6.30pm. Call 01746 769645 or just turn up.

Bill makes tracks to fulfill a train dream

BILL BARRITT has taken his lifelong passion for trains to its logical conclusion - he has created a miniature railway in his back garden.

Mr Barritt, 80, a retired accountant, moved into his home near Bridgnorth, seven years ago.

Since then he has been working on creating his own railway line, and has now opened the Leasowes Light Railway Company.

Mr Barritt has laid two-thirds of a mile of railway track, brought in rail equipment from Anglesey, and imported an engine from America.

He said: "I always fancied having a railway line in my back garden. It has been added to over five years but now I think it's as far as I can go. It's pretty much the finished article."

Inspire

"I don't know exactly how long it is but the track travels all the way round the garden, which must be about one kilometre. It takes about 10 minutes to travel all the way around.

"Going downhill the speed increases and sometimes, on a wet day, it can scare me to death. The brakes are not the best. Really, there are no brakes, you just turn the engine off.

"It's more like a runaway train at times."

As a child Mr Barritt regularly travelled on the now-closed line between Much Wenlock and Craven Arms which travelled along Wenlock Edge. And when he worked in Shrewsbury he used to travel on the Severn Valley Railway.

Now he hopes his railway can inspire others to pursue their dreams in life.



Bill Barritt and his wife Pat on the train. It takes 10 minutes to go round their garden



Bill Barritt and his wife on board



Bill hopes his railway will inspire others to pursue their dreams

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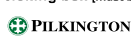
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Pupils step out on charity walk



Wolverley pupils Nicole Deguilmo, Jack Young, Wai Yan Yuen and Kyle Eades get ready for the big walk

STAFF and students at Wolverley Secondary School in Blakeshall Lane, Kidderminster, took part in a sponsored walk.

They could either walk a seven-mile route from the school to Kinver Edge,

or a nine-mile route from the school to Arley woods.

Laura Parsons, a history teacher who organised the walk said this was the second year for the event.

Last year the walkers raised just over

£2,779 which was shared between Christian Aid, Cancer Research UK, and Kemp Hospice.

The hope was that this year they would raise even more for the worthy causes.

School ranked among best

STAFF and students at Kidderminster's Baxter College are celebrating after being named as one of the best schools in the country at improving GCSE results.

The school has qualified as one of the top 10 per cent by raising results year-on-year from 2008 to 2011 by at least 19 percentage points overall.

Every school in England has been ranked according to how much

progress they made in improving their GCSE results in 2011 in new listings released by SSAT - the representative body for schools.

Its chief executive, Sue Williamson, described the Habberley Road school's achievement as "stunning".

She added: "Baxter College has proved itself to be one of the best schools in the country at improving GCSE outcomes for their students. There is plenty that other schools could learn from Baxter College's success."

"These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at Baxter College."

She said they were a vindication of the school's belief in high expectations, good teaching, and ambition for every young person.

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Lions have a new man at the helm



The chain of office passes from Colin Hill to Terry White

THE Kidderminster and District Lions club has a new president. Earlier this month, the chain of office was handed over to Terry White by outgoing president Colin Hill.

The club is looking forward to an exciting year under Terry's leadership, with two principal themes already set out.

The club will be busy getting to know more about the various charitable and support groups in the area, to help members make a difference in our communities.

The club has a busy calendar of events including the Arley to Stourport raft race, Santa collections, the Bewdley New Year's Day duck race, and other events. For information about the club call Terry on 01562 752973.

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Former MP stepping up campaign on hospital

FORMER Kidderminster MP Dr Richard Taylor is stepping up his battle to save the town's hospital.

He is demanding a detailed breakdown of the costs of the scheme that built Worcestershire's main hospital. His call comes amid plans to shake up the county's health services.

By Lee Watton

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust says the "mortgage" price for the Private Finance Initiative deal that funded Worcester-shire Royal Hospital is £7.2million a year.

Health bosses claim the PFI is not the reason behind the need to review services at its three hospitals - Kidderminster, the Alexandra at Redditch, and the £94 million Worcester-shire Royal.

Threaten

Officials predict a £200m budget shortfall by 2014/15.

Dr Taylor said the PFI figures given by the Worcester-shire Trust were well below the £24.6m-a-year PFI cost reported in 2010.

But the Trust says the cost of provision of the building in an "as new" state until

2032 is £7.2m. Bosses say the £24.6m includes the costs of equipment services both to the PFI hospital and the retained buildings on the Worcester site.

Health chiefs have proposed six models of care for the future, but two of them threaten the Kidderminster site with closure or down-grading.

Dr Taylor has described the options as drastic and has vowed to fight them.

He has said: "They are not in the interests of the people of Worcester-shire."

Dr Taylor was elected Independent MP in 2001 following a campaign to save the accident and emergency department at Kidderminster hospital. He lost the seat to Conservative Mark Garnier in 2010.

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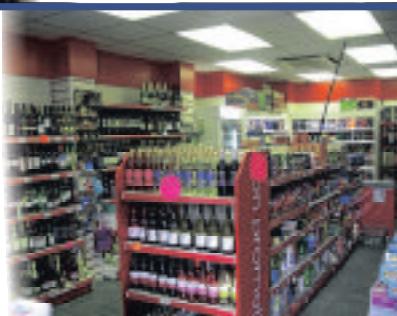
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New technology the way forward in providing care

PEOPLE who are unsteady on their feet and at risk of falls at home are being encouraged to turn to technology for help.

Worcestershire County Council's Assistive Technology Team is pointing people towards high-tech equipment which can help them maintain independence and safety in their own home.

Devices include bed or chair leaving alarms, night lights and fall detectors. One Worcestershire resident with poor mobility, Jean Keeble, was given a Chubb lifeline and a wrist-worn fall detector last year.

She said the detector had made a huge difference, helping her feel more confident. She added: "When I go out into my garden I feel reassured that if I fall and need help the emergency services will be called. My neighbours are regularly away and no-one would know I needed help."

Solution

Assistive technology includes equipment which helps people administer medication, helps monitor someone's whereabouts, and notifies carers when someone appears to be inactive for too long.

Council bosses say also that the technology could be a cost-effective solution for meeting people's needs.

Councillor Philip Gretton, Worcestershire County Council's Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, said: "Technology can be daunting, but the equipment available now is user-friendly and can support people to maintain their independence in a more cost-effective way. It can also provide reassurance for those who care for or look after someone knowing that if they do fall, they can be notified almost instantly."



Jean Keeble with the fall detector which has made a big difference to her

Council's electoral registration plea

WYRE Forest District Council has launched a campaign asking residents to respond straight away when the electoral registration form is delivered.

If there are no changes in a household, that can be confirmed via the

internet, phone or text. Spokesman Ian Miller, said: "If you reply first time, there is no need for a reminder and no-one will knock on your door to see where your form is. Take a few moments to respond to your form."

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Woman is jailed for trafficking prostitutes



Jailed - Rong Chen



Helped - Jason Hinton

A KIDDERMINSTER woman who controlled and trafficked prostitutes in Northern Ireland has been jailed for seven years.

Rong Chen, 35, conned women into entering the country believing they would find work as child minders. But instead the illegal immigrants worked as prostitutes or housekeepers, isolated in squalid flats and threatened with violence or deportation if they tried to escape.

Chen, of Whinchat Grove, admitted two counts of controlling prostitution for gain, trafficking in the UK for sexual exploitation, and entering an arrangement to acquire criminal property. She was sentenced at Belfast Crown Court with her husband Jason Hinton and former policeman Simon Dempsey from Northern Ireland.

Degraded

Hinton pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the control of prostitution but the court heard his role had been peripheral. He was given an order for 220 hours unpaid work.

Dempsey, 42, of Ringbuoy Cove, Cloughie, was jailed for nine months. He admitted aiding and abetting controlling prostitution and entering into an arrangement to acquire criminal property.

Mr Justice Ben Stephens told Chen: "You sexually exploited and degraded women as a commodity for financial gain, irrespective of the impact on them or their lives."

The court heard Chen told the women her husband was a Chinese Triad gang leader. She was caught after two prostitutes were detained in Belfast in 2009. She had five brothels in Northern Ireland. The court was told Chen made £280,000 between January 2008 and May 2009.

Jazz night set to aid cancer charity

JAZZ fans have the chance to enjoy a stomping good time thanks to Wyre Forest musician Geoff Goodwin, and raise funds for a leading cancer charity.

The show, at The Wheatsheaf Room, Bewdley Institute, on July 20 at 8-11pm, is being organised by the Wyre Forest committee of Cancer Research UK. For details, call 01562 823825.

Town's heritage is in show spotlight

THE stone-built heritage of Bewdley is the theme for a new photographic exhibition at Bewdley Museum.

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Centro
in boost
of £33m

TRANSPORT chiefs in the West Midlands have been handed £33 million to spend on environmentally-friendly schemes.

The money has been awarded to transport authority Centro from the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) which is making £560 million available for green travel projects around England.

Councils and private investors in the Black Country, Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull will be asked for a further £15 million. It will see new or improved walking and cycling routes, improvements to roads, better waiting facilities, expert travel planning for families, companies and schools and free travel for job seekers.

Centro will also invest in a smart cards system like the London Oyster cards.

Co-op chief
appointed

A NEW president has been appointed at the Lichfield-based Midlands Co-operative Society. Paul Singh takes over from Frank Croft, whose term of office ended in May after three years.

Mr Singh, aged 62, from Great Barr, started his career in the society's dairy operation in 1969. He is also a magistrate and a member of the Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust.

Real or fake gun? Firearm
officers decide at 50 yards

AN AK47, an Uzi and an exact replica of the handgun used by former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein – these are just some of the guns lurking in the West Midlands Police's weapons store.

A myriad of fierce firearms that have been seized by or surrendered to the force are contained within the unit – based at a secret location in the region.

But despite the thousands of weapons stacked-up on dozens of racks, gun crime across the West Midlands is on the decline.

Last year, only 94 firearms believed to have been used in crime were actually seized by the force. The difficulty for firearms officers faced with making life or death decisions is how to know whether the weapon they are faced with is real.

Correct

The range of guns they come across require the need for the force to keep the thousands of deactivated firearms in the weapons store for training purposes.

But it has emerged that imitation guns, easily sought for just a few pounds from a variety of websites, could lead to as disastrous a conclusion as the real thing.

Holding two handguns – one fake and one real despite being almost identical in sight and weight – police trainer Pc Rob Pedley, a former firearms officer for 11 years, described the difficulty officers face.

"You have to very quickly assess the situation and decide what the correct response is," he said.

"It's very difficult to know whether a firearm someone is in possession of is genuine or an imitation, and it is even more difficult when think about the fact that it could be pitch black and the person holding



Firearms trainer Pc Rob Pedley at the force's firing range



Above: Civilian firearms inquiry officer Neil Corlett checks the weapons and, left, an example of a seized "home-made" gun



Neil Corlett with a Desert Eagle .50 and a 357 Magnum

that weapon could 50 yards or more away." What the force is able to do to help ensure officers make the correct decision in such situations is train them to the highest possible standard.

More than 200 officers applied to join the firearms unit earlier this year. A medical, gruelling fitness test, basic gun handling assessment and scenario-based examinations saw that number whittled down to 24.

Only 12 progress to the tactical stages of the course which includes exercises on location across the region.

It is about 15 years since the last fatal shooting by the unit, when an officer opened fire on a robber who was holding a Birmingham supermarket manager at knifepoint.

The officer required to pull the trigger that day fronts a sobering presentation during the course describing his emotions

on having to take someone's life. Chief Inspector Paul Minor, head of the force's Firearms Unit, said: "The perception of firearms units may be weapons and fast cars – but in reality it can be a lonely place."

"Take this scenario. It's been called to a potential firearms incident at 3am, very low light, when someone appears from the shadows, sees you and reaches inside their jacket pocket. Are they reaching for a gun? If you see a weapon can you be sure it's a genuine threat or a replica?"

Confident

"Sometimes officers need to make split-second decisions... and decisions that could have catastrophic consequences. Our officers are trained to an exceptionally high standard by experts with many years firearms tactical experience; that's why I'm

confident that in the vast majority of incidents they will make the right decision."

In the past year 115 people in the West Midlands were injured in firearms incidents over the past year. Figures show there were 18 firearms incidents in Wolverhampton, 12 in Sandwell and nine each in Walsall and Dudley during that period.

While firearms officers were deployed to the streets to help keep the peace, others work with youngsters to warn them of the stark dangers of gun crime.

Pc Pedley runs the force's Guns & Knives Take Lives scheme, which in the past two years has reached almost 15,000 children, aged from 11 upwards.

"It is well received," he said. "Some cry, some are shocked. If it stops just one young person from associating with gangs, guns or knives then it is all worth it."

£640k of
'criminal
money'
is seized

MORE than £600,000 in cash has been seized from the bank accounts of suspected criminals in Staffordshire.

The force's police authority has money sitting in a fund that is made up of cash from people whose assets have been seized.

Should those who have money in the account be found guilty of criminal offences, they will never see a penny of it again.

In total, £640,000 is held in the police account thanks to the powerful Proceeds of Crime Act legislation.

Last year, the force used the powers to recover assets worth £1.7 million.

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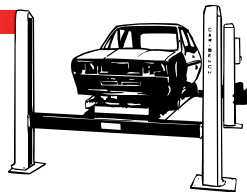
Detective Chief Inspector Paul Clews, head of Staffordshire Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: "Many of the people we target are involved in serious and organised crime – including drug supply and fraud – and confiscation orders are a great tool to strip offenders of their assets."

"Criminals' money is ploughed back into the fight against drugs – through Operation Nemesis – and is helping turn youngsters' lives around through community initiatives."

Cash from the fund is partly used to help pay for community schemes and initiatives.

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Landmark silos make way for development



Demolition work under way at the former British Sugar site

A SILO, one of two which have dominated the Kidderminster skyline for decades, is being gradually "gnawed away" as demolition work continues.

The top of the 80-metre high structure has been removed after a long reach digger moved on to the former British Sugar factory site, in Stourport Road.

It is being demolished from the top and will be taken down to half size before work moves to the elevator building which connects the two silos. Demolition will then take place at the second silo using the same system.

Bosses at the St Francis Group, which is carrying out the work, said first silo would be finished off by a smaller digger while the larger machine would move to the elevator and second silo. The scheme was expected to take around three weeks.

Clearance is taking place as part of plans to develop the 67-acre site which it is hoped will eventually lead to up to 4,000 jobs being created in the town.

It will become the South Kidderminster Enterprise Park.

Activities challenge for teenagers

A COMMUNITY programme for 15 to 17-year-olds is taking place in Worcestershire. The National Citizen Service is an opportunity for young people to try outdoor activities, meet new people and make a difference within their local communities. The programme, which begins on July 23, lasts six weeks. It includes an adventure week in Wales, an enterprise week at a local hotel and social action projects. For details, see www.engage4life.co.uk



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In 1928 the chimney of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company towered over the **Bushbury** area. The nearby area of **Low Hill** was being transformed by the construction of the new council housing schemes in 1927.

The Wyrley and Essington Canal, and its adjacent railway line, are about the only recognisable features that survive from a picture of the **Heath Town** area which was taken in 1927.

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The Wyrley and Essington Canal winding near the Mander Brothers' Works at Heath Town in 1927

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2. Summer signals the beginning of increased activity, which causes you to lose moisture through perspiration. Drink water before you feel thirsty. Once you feel thirsty, you're already slightly dehydrated. Carry water with you everywhere, to eliminate the possibility of drinking tap water.

3. Chlorine doesn't play nice with skin, hair and nails; it leaves them dry, brittle and flakey. It adds an additional load to your body "another chemical for your body to assimilate and eliminate. Wash off chlorine as soon as you step out of the pool or hot tub. Add a water filter to your shower to trap chlorine and other chemicals. You'll notice a difference in your skin within a few days.

4. Apply creams and lotions with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF). Lightweight summer clothes don't completely block the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. In fact, lightweight clothing offers very little SPF—usually around 8. When you spend concentrated time in the sun, apply a water-resistant or waterproof sun block, and use a sun block with zinc on your face. Reapply often. Even with sun block, you'll get some color in the summer. Until you do, fake it with one of the many self-tanning lotions on the market. Whatever you do, don't attempt to get a suntan the old-fashioned way. Wear a wide-brimmed hat to protect your hair from the sun and to provide additional protection to your face.

5. If you work in the garden, apply protection against insects, and reapply as necessary. Not only will you avoid unsightly bite marks and annoying itching, but you might also avoid debilitating disease. Don't take unnecessary chances. If the thought of applying DEET to your body makes you shudder, apply one of the natural insect repellants containing citronella and other natural essential oils. When you get bitten, avoid the urge to scratch. Scratching only intensifies the itching sensation, and it can lead to infection and scarring.

6. Grow an aloe plant. They're impossible to kill, even if you have a brown thumb. Having immediate access to an Aloe plant is like having a drugstore in your backyard. Break off a leaf and apply the gel on the inside to provide instant relief from sunburn, insect bites, burns from outdoor grilling, and minor skin irritations. Keep another plant in the kitchen for burns. Nothing works as quickly as Aloe to stop the pain.

7. Lighten up on your facial moisturizing routine. Instead of dry flakes, your skin faces eruptions from clogged pores during the summer. Clean your face meticulously, several times each day if necessary. Switch to a lighter moisturizer with fewer emollients. Consider a tinted moisturizer to eliminate the extra layer of make-up foundation. If you have good skin, show it off during the summer instead of hiding it under layers of concealer, foundation and powder. Allow your natural radiant skin to shine through without obstruction.

8. Hands and feet require special care in the summer. Keep nails short to enjoy summer sports activities. You don't want to interrupt a set of tennis to repair a broken nail. You may get calluses from gardening and racquet sports. Exfoliate hands and feet regularly, and don't lighten up on rich, emollient hand and foot creams, because parts of the hands



and feet contain no oil glands. If you visit the beach, take a long walk on the beach. No manmade treatment equals the exfoliation power of feet pounding against sand. Walk long enough, and your feet will sport a baby soft finish.

9. With your legs exposed during the summer, you may tire of daily shaving. Consider one of the sugar-based wax formulations. It may take several applications to master the technique, but after a few false starts, the efforts are worth the learning curve. The advertisements will entice you with a month or more of hair-free soft, baby skin. If you get two weeks of silky smooth skin, consider yourself lucky. Follow-up each waxing session with a moisturizer containing aloe to avoid skin bumps.

10. If your winter lip balm didn't contain sun protection, make sure that your summer lip balm does. Chapped lips are annoying, but sunburned lips are painful! Reapply often, particularly when you're on the water in an open boat or riding in a convertible. Wind is just as damaging as sun, and the two together ensure a bad burn for unprotected skin.

And finally if you do not do anything else. Don't forget to drink plenty of water

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Drink-driver sentence slammed as 'disgrace'

THE family of a Kidderminster teacher who was knocked down and killed on a country road said a judge's decision not to jail the drink-driver responsible was "an absolute disgrace".

Mother-of-two Brenda Wilson, aged 62, died after being hit by Francine Austin's Audi on the A458 Bridgnorth Road in Stourton near Stourbridge.

At Stafford Crown Court, Judge John Maxwell gave Austin a hospital order.

The Judge said divorced Austin, who has suffered from depression, faced up to three years in prison - but two psychiatric reports recommended she remain in a psychiatric hospital.

Inspirational

Austin, 54, of Heathton, Claverley, will be detained under the mental health act until she is deemed well enough to be released.

Mrs Wilson's son Edward Davies said after the case: "This is an absolute disgrace."

"She should serve the full prison sentence after the doctors let her out but she'll probably only do a year in the hospital."

Laura Davies said her mother was "an inspirational and amazing person" and added: "We are in so much pain."

It was estimated that Austin had



Victim Brenda Wilson



Drink-driver Francine Austin

about 54 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath, when the crash happened at about 10.30am on August 4. The limit is 35 microgrammes.

In a police interview Austin, who pleaded guilty to causing death by careless driving and drink driving, said she felt drowsy from medication she was

taking. Andrew Fisher, defending, said: "This lady is an otherwise decent citizen. She is ill and has plainly expressed her remorse."

Mrs Wilson, of Meddins Lane, Kinner, was a former headteacher at St Anne's Middle School in Bewdley and was working at King Charles I School in Kidderminster before her death.

Gardens open up to give charities a boost

THE Kidderminster Horticultural Society is planning to open a number of gardens to the public.

The displays will help three local charities - the Acorns hospice, Wyre Forest Specialist Play Area and Happy Staffie

Dog Rescue. The society will have 13 gardens open in and around Kidderminster over Saturday and Sunday, some on both days and others either on Saturday from 12-5pm, or Sunday, 11-5pm. Tickets at £5 cover all 13 on

either or both days and can be bought at John Beard, Bridge Street, Kidderminster, or the Stourport Photo Centre High Street, Stourport. Alternatively, telephone 0156 2631001, 0156 2740430 or 0129 9403539.

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Singer Selis is so versatile

Eve Selis, Robin 2, Bilston AWARD-WINNING American blues/rock singer Eve Selis clearly enjoys being in front of a crowd and her enthusiasm was at a high level from start to encore before the small but appreciative crowd at the Robin2.

The Californian doesn't have the most powerful of voices but she does make the most of her clear vocals which were sometimes lost among the harder rock sounds from her group of highly talented musicians. Worthy of mention are the guitar playing skills of Marc 'Twang' Intravia, who has co-written many of the songs with Selis and 'Cactus' Jim Soldi who knows how to make an axe talk.

Bluegrass

Selis showed her versatility switching easily from rock to blues to bluegrass such as The Ballad of Kate Morgan with a little country thrown in. She gave her latest album Family Tree a run for its money with no less than nine of its 13 tracks used, including the title song written by Calman Hart, one half of the impressive support act Berkley Hart, from San Diego.

A couple of cover versions included a banging version of the Johnny Cash's Fulson Prison Blues, hammered out with real guts. The other was the done-to-death Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen and Selis and co tried to put a fresh spin on it. Water Off a Duck's back had a heavier blues sound with hints of Amy Winehouse creeping into Selis' voice.

Danny Farragher

Look Who is going to face a Final Test at the Grand

FORMER Doctor Who Colin Baker admits it will not be too much of a stretch to play an opinionated, pedantic stick-in-the-mud in new comedy play *The Final Test*, which opens at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Tuesday for a five-day run.

Laughs helped break tedium

Dead Ringer, Wolverhampton Grand
THE Ian Dickens summer play season continued last week with Charles Ross' *Dead Ringer*.

The plot tells of an actor who is engaged to impersonate the Prime Minister, who dropped dead the evening before the General Election, but soon becomes too comfortable in his new role.

The wordy and complex script proved difficult in parts and fluffed lines detracted somewhat from the plot in Act One. The comical lines, when they came, were worth waiting for and a couple of laugh out loud moments kept the audience awake during Act Two. It was ex-star of *The Bill*, Chris Ellison who looked most at home in his role as a hard man security expert.

Alison Norton

In Chris Paling's play he has the role of Peter, who spends his summer dozing or reading the newspaper in the garden whilst listening to his beloved Test Match cricket. He is oblivious to everything else, including the fact that his wife is leaving him and selling their Bexhill-on-Sea home. When new owners move in they find they have an elderly squatter in their garden.

Cricket

Asked if he identified with the character, the actor said: "Yes, quite a lot. We are both stubborn, like cricket, crosswords and it could be said housework is not my thing."

Colin Baker was the sixth incarnation of the Time Lord, in the mid-1980s, and remains popular with fans of the TV series (known as Whovians).

"There are often some Whovians in the audience, usually young men, and often they have never been to the theatre before and they enjoy the experience," he added.



Former Doctor Who Colin Baker gets ready to be stubborn and grumpy at the Grand in comedy *The Final Test*

Tales from the war zone

A GROUP of wounded service personnel who took the West End by storm in January with the play *The Two Worlds of Charlie F* will bring their true stories of conflict and recovery to audiences at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

The Bravo 22 Company will perform in the city for four performances (July 19-21) before heading to Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August and returning to the West End. The Royal British Legion-backed production won standing ovations at The Theatre Royal Haymarket in January.

The project has been supported by top director Trevor Nunn, actor Ray Winstone, and patron General Sir David Richards, Chief of Defence Staff.

Shakespeare festival is a showcase for future stars

Romeo and Juliet

Stafford Shakespeare Festival, Stafford Castle
TWO unknown actors take the lead roles for this year's outdoor offering, the Bard's tragedy about young lovers from warring families.

Make a note of their names. Poppy Drayton and Dwayne Walcott are fresh out of drama school and both making their professional debut. They played their roles to perfection. Word perfect throughout, there was an obvious chemistry between the two as the star-crossed lovers.

This is the fourth Stafford Shakespeare play directed by Peter Rowe and he brought back several performers for this wholly watchable production. Christopher Fry (who plays Benvolio), Anthony Hunt (Friar Laurence) and Graham Kent (Capulet) were all in the 2010 production *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and make a welcome return to the castle.

Emmerdale

Previously, big name actors have taken roles in the Stafford Shakespeare Festival. Dan Mison, Victor McGuire, Sally Lindsay, Stephen Beckett and Eric Potts all spring to mind. This year it is the turn of Leah Bracknell, better known as Zoe Tate in *Emmerdale*, who took the role of Lady Capulet in her stride.

While previous productions have added humour, this plays with a pretty straight bat. What comedy moments there are come from the Capulet nurse played by Nicola Blackman. SFS debutant James Haggie did not look out of place as Balthazar, while Dan De Cruz showed off his talents as Tybalt, with support from Thomas Judd (Paris), Peter Manchester (Mercutio), Paul Kissaun (Montague) and Ako Mitchell (The Prince).

Yet again it rained. In true acting spirit the show must go on – and all can take credit for an enjoyable performance. *Romeo and Juliet* runs until Saturday (July 14).

Mark Shipp

Jessie J to be queen of castle



Jessie J performing at Shrewsbury last Friday
BRITAIN'S brightest pop star of 2012, Jessie J, will be performing in front of 20,000 of her Midlands fans at Warwick Castle tomorrow night (Friday).

Last Friday Jessie wowed 11,000 Shropshire fans at Shrewsbury's main park, The Quarry, with a 75-minute set including her hits *Price Tag*, *Do It Like A Dude* and *Dominio*.

At the time of going to Press, some tickets were still available for the Summer Sound concert at the castle.

Tickets

It will see The Voice star supported by up-and-coming pop singers. These include Gary Barlow's 17-year-old prodigy A*M*E (aka Amy Kabbal).

Tickets cost £32.50 plus booking fee. For details see www.warwick-castle.com/concerts or call 0844 581 0752. Gates open at 6pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm.

The second Summer Sounds concert on Saturday at the castle features the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with the chart-topping Military Wives choir. Tickets cost £34 or £10 for children aged four to 16.

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Channel 4, 9pm
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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live, 11.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets, (R) 12.00 BBC News, Regional News, Weather, 12.15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 1.00 Cash in the Attic, (R) 1.30 British Olympic Dreams. Featuring British athletes tipped for success at London 2012, 2.00 Live Athletics: London Grand Prix, 5.00 Regional Programme, 5.30 Pointless Celebrities, (R) 6.10 BBC News, Regional News, Weather.
6.30 Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, (1984) The archaeologist travels to India, where he battles to retrieve sacred stones in the possession of an evil cult. Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford and Kate Capshaw.
8.20 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune, Siblings Zoe and Ronnie compete in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles, hoping to win enough money to take their mother on a trip to Las Vegas.
9.10 Casualty, The ED staff deal with a potentially fatal application of force by police officers, who use a stun gun on an ex-con during a domestic incident. Guest starring Natalie Gavin.
10.00 BBC News, Weather.
10.20 Mrs Brown's Boys, Dermot gets cold feet in the run-up to his wedding, (R)
10.50 Live at the Apollo, Sarah Millican hosts, with Russell Kane and Steve Hughes, (R) National Lottery Update.
11.35 Film: Arlington Road, (1999) Thriller, starring Jeff Bridges and Tim Robbins.
1.25 Weatherview, 1.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 12.00 Escape to the Country, (R) 1.00 Live Golf: Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the third round at Castle Stuart in Inverness, as the players try to move up the leaderboard and put themselves in contention for the title, 5.15 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Wigan Warriors (Kick-off 5.30pm).
7.30 Dad's Army, Captain Mainwaring enlists an unusual recruit to the platoon. Vintage comedy, starring John Le Mesurier and Arthur Lowe, (R)
8.00 The Hollow Crown - Henry IV Part 2, As an uprising against the monarch gathers momentum, the Lord Chief Justice urges Prince Hal to leave London and support his father. Starring Tom Hiddleston and Simon Russell Beale.
10.00 QI, Stephen Fry is joined by Bill Bailey, Eddie Izzard, Danny Baker and regular panellist Alan Davies, who answer questions on the topic of home and house, (R)
10.30 TOTP2, Mark Radcliffe introduces performances by KC and the Sunshine Band, Everything But the Girl, the Jam, Robert Palmer, Neneh Cherry and Jilted John, (R)
11.30 Film: The Painted Veil, (2006) An English doctor in 1920s China takes his unfaithful wife on a dangerous journey to a remote village ravaged by disease. Period drama, starring Edward Norton and Naomi Watts.
1.25 Film: Summer Hours, (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Juliette Binoche, Charles Berling and Jeremie Renier, 3.05 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV, 7.25 CITV, 8.25 Saturday Cookbook, 9.25 ITV News, 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA, 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA, 11.20 The Real Housewives of New York City, 12.15 ITV News, Weather, 12.25 You've Been Framed! (R) 12.50 Film: Brewster's Millions, (1985) 2.45 Film: Live and Let Die, (1973) 5.00 Regional Programme, Weather, 8.15 ITV News, Weather, 5.30 Primeval, 6.30 You've Been Framed! A dog that can open a fridge, (R) 7.00 The Cube, Philip Schofield invites 5,000m world champion Mo Farah to take on a series of fiendishly difficult challenges inside the cube in the hope of winning a £250,000 charity jackpot.
8.00 Superstar, The 30 hopefuls are invited to perform at Andrew Lloyd Webber's Majocan villa, and the 20 most impressive then compete to win a place in his final 10. Continues tomorrow.
9.00 The Nation's Favourite Number 1 Single, The countdown enters the top 40 as Fearne Cotton continues the search for the UK's best-loved chart-topping singles of the past 60 years. Concludes tomorrow.
10.30 ITV News, Weather.
10.45 Mad Mad World, With Lisa Snowdon, Gino D'Acampo and Martin Kemp.
11.30 Take Me Out, A former rocker, a postman, a plumber and an accountant take part, (R)
12.35 The Store: ITV News Headlines, 2.40 In Plain Sight, (R) 3.20 ITV Nightscreen, 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Channel 4 Presents - London 2012: Jody Cundy Part III, (R) 6.15 The Hoobs, (R) 6.35 Superbike World Championship 2012, (R) 7.05 British F3, 7.30 The Grid, 7.55 The Morning Line, 8.55 T4: T4 on the Beach 2012, 9.55 T4: Love Shift, (R) 10.30 T4: New Girl, (R) 10.55 T4: Revenge, 11.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory, (R) 12.25 T4: Summer Daze, 12.55 T4: The Simpsons, (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing, 4.00 Come Dine with Me, (R) 4.35 Come Dine with Me, (R) 5.05 Come Dine with Me, (R) 5.35 Come Dine with Me, (R) 6.05 Channel 4 News.
6.35 4thought.tv, Church of England vicar Jenny Thomas explains why she believes women are treated unfairly within the Church.
6.40 Film: Twilight, (2008) Teenager Bella moves to a small town to live with her father and embarks on a passionate romance with a vampire. Fantasy love story, with Kristen Stewart.
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live, The Only Way Is Essex stars Joey Essex and Sam Faiers take part in the quiz show, aiming to win up to £1 million for their chosen charities. Davina McCall hosts. Last in the series.
10.35 Film: Scary Movie, (2000) Terrified teenagers go to ridiculous lengths to avoid being slain by a serial killer in a ghost-hike mask. Spoof horror, starring Anna Faris and Shannon Elizabeth.
12.20 Film: Stop-Loss, (2008) 2.15 Brain Damage, (R) 2.20 The Million Pound Drop Live, (R) 3.45 This Is Me, (R) 3.50 St Elsewhere, (R) 4.35 Gone Fishing, (R) 4.55 Grudge Match, (R) 5.05 Rescue Remedies, 5.15 Countdown, (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Ice Age 4: Movie Special, 10.30 Animal Rescue Squad, (R) 10.45 Meerkat Manor, (R) 11.15 Big Brother: The Eviction, (R) 12.15 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads, (R) 1.20 Film: Murder Ahoy, (1964) 3.15 Film: McBride: The Doctor is Out, Really Out, (2005) 4.55 Film: The Kentuckian, (1955).
7.05 5 News Weekend.
7.10 NCIS, An admiral is found executed by the side of a road, but the agents have trouble ascertaining a motive for his murder. Meanwhile, McGee makes a discovery about his new girlfriend, (R)
8.00 NCIS, Tony's former Baltimore PD partner is murdered, raising fears that the port-to-port killer has struck again - until new evidence suggests the crime was the work of a copycat, (R)
9.00 Big Brother, Highlights of the most recent goings-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.
10.00 Film: Awake, (2007) Premiere. A tycoon undergoes an out-of-body experience during surgery and discovers someone is planning to murder him. Thriller, starring Hayden Christensen and Jessica Alba.
11.40 Forensic Files, How the latest scientific and forensic techniques can help solve puzzling crimes, (R)
12.10 SuperCasino, 4.00 HouseBusters, (R) 4.25 Great Scientists, (R) 4.50 Hana's Helpline, (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show, (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends, (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car, (R)

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7.00 Doctor Who 7.50 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Good Will Hunting (1997) 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Blue Planet 8.00 Illuminations: The Private Lives of Medieval Kings 9.00 Film: Mesrine: Public Enemy Number One (2008) 11.05 Wonders of the Solar System
ITV2
3.40 The Planet's Funniest Animals 4.05 America's Got Talent 6.55 Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) 9.10 Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) 11.10 Celebrity Juice: Girls on Top Special 11.55 Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights
ITV3
3.55 Foyle's War 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Lewis, A businessman is bludgeoned to death. Last in the series. 11.00 Film: Stiff Upper Lips (1998)
ITV4
2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France 4.30 British Superbike Championship Highlights 6.00 20 Football Transfers That Shocked the World 7.00 Cycling: Tour de France Highlights 8.00 Film: Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) 9.45 Film: Born to Raise Hell (2010) 11.40 The Big Match Revisited
E4
3.00 Desperate Housewives 4.00 Revenge 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.30 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Film: John Tucker Must Die (2006) 10.50 The Big Bang Theory 11.45 The Midnight Beast
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3.00 Doctor Dolittle (1967) 5.50 James Cameron Special 6.00 The Abyss (1989) 8.50 Avatar Special 9.00 Avatar (2009)

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Kenneth Branagh

Wallerider
BBC1, 9pm

Wallerider is sent to Riga after the disfigured corpses of two men are found on a life raft. However, several incidents make him wonder if his Latvian counterpart, Major Karlis Liepa, may be leaking information to those responsible for the murders. Kenneth Branagh, Soren Malling and Ingeborga Dapkunaite star in a tale written in the early 1990s. The book comments on the unstable political situations faced by former Soviet republics at that time, so it will be interesting to see how this adaptation – made two decades later – handles that aspect of the story.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Super Smart Animals. (R) **4.45** LifeLine. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** World War II Unearthed.

6.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team search for treasure at the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich, where items include a rare set of medals and a Lalique glass figure found under a bed. (R)

7.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

8.00 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury and John Craven visit Snowdonia, where she tries her hand at scrambling – a combination of walking and rock-climbing – and he explores a rainforest.

9.00 Wallerider. Two bodies are found on a life raft in Ystad harbour and Wallerider investigates, but soon realises the Latvian cop helping him cannot be trusted. Guest starring Soren Malling.

10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.55 John Bishop's Britain. The comedian gets funny about animals. (R)

11.40 Room 101 – Extra Storage. With John Prescott, Rebecca Front and Micky Flanagan.

12.20 Weatherwise. **12.25** Sign Zone. Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R) **1.25** Holly City. (R) **2.20** DIY SOS: The Big Build. (R) **3.20** Food Factory. (R) **3.50** Fake Britain. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. **2.00** Live Golf: Scottish Open. **5.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.

7.30 Flog It! Will Axon and Thomas Plant examine interesting items in South-on-Sea, Essex, including an original Louis Vuitton picture, a Waterloo bowl and a 19th-century skeleton clock. (R)

8.00 Engineering Giants: Jumbo Jet Strip-Down. New series. The inner workings of some of the world's biggest machines. Tom Wrighleysworth and Rob Bell watch as a 14-year-old Boeing 747 jumbo jet is taken apart and reassembled.

9.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads. Sue Perkins and Liza Tarbuck drive along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, a network of roads running through jungles and mountains in Southeast Asia that is littered with unexploded bombs.

10.00 Mock the Week. A look back at the week's news, with guests Josh Widdicombe and Miles Jupp joining regulars Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons and Chris Addison.

10.30 Line of Duty. Arnett is convinced Gates played a part in Jackie's disappearance, so the team sets a trap, hoping he will reveal his involvement in covering up the missing woman's crimes. (R)

11.30 Twenty Twelve. Someone is caught modifying Olympic starting pistols to fire live rounds. (R)

12.00 Film: Irina Palm. (2007) **1.40** BBC News. **4.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.20** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Murder. She Wrote. (R) **2.30** Film: Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder. (1978)

4.25 Doc Martin. (R) **5.20** The Chase. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Emmerdale. Marlon is devastated to hear what Paddy and Rhona are planning and decides that if they do move away, they must leave Leo with him.

7.30 Coronation Street. Peter urges Carla to give him another chance.

8.00 Superstar. The 10 finalists compete to win viewers' votes for the first time as judges Andrew Lloyd Webber, Dawn French and Jason Donovan assess their star quality. Continues tomorrow.

9.30 The Nation's Favourite Number 1 Single. The celebration of the UK's best-loved singles of the past 60 years concludes as Fearne Cotton reveals which one the public has voted as their favourite. Last in the series.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.20 The Cube. Current 5,000m world champion Mo Farah takes part. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Series. **1.10** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.10** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.20** Motorsport UK. **5.10** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Sali Mail. **6.15** Ironman 2012. **6.40** Canary Wharf Triathlon. **7.10** The Great Swim Series. **8.05** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging. (2008)

4.30 Big Dance 2012. **5.30** Three in a Bed. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought. Iv. A Catholic woman married to a Church of England priest discusses why she opposes the ordination of female bishops.

7.00 Deal or No Deal. Noel Edmonds hosts the game show in which contestants try to guess the values of mystery boxes.

8.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts compete in the Peterborough area, in a week which sees the food being overshadowed by the often fractious relationships between the contestants.

9.00 Thelma's Gypsy Girls. Thelma Madine's trainees begin their course in dress-making, but tensions rise as they try to get used to life in a professional workplace.

10.00 Meeting Ian Brady. The killer's request to move to a mainstream prison.

11.05 Film: Another 48 Hours. (1990) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte.

1.00 Camelot. (R) **1.50** The Moonbird. (R) **2.05** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Grudge Match. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerets. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R)

8.00 Little Princess. (R) **8.10** Chiro. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R)

8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Mio Mao. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jam. (R)

10.00 Monkey Life. (R) **10.25** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.25** Big Brother Too. **12.25** Half Built House. (R) **1.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.30** Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol. (1987) **4.10** 5 News Weekend. **4.15** Film: Surf's Up. (2007) **5.55** Film: Maid in Manhattan. (2002)

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Emma Myers Margaret to co-operate with the investigation so she can prove her innocence – but as the evidence mounts, she wonders if her friend could really be a killer.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 Film: Cobra. (1986) Thriller, with Sylvester Stallone.

11.40 Film: Knock Off. (1998) Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.

1.30 SuperCasino. **4.05** Sons of Anarchy. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D **7.35** Shrek: Once Upon A Time **8.35** Film: Shrek (2001) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC Four

7.00 Wainwright: The Man Who Loved the Lakes **8.00** Roundhead or Cavalier **9.00** 100 Years of the Palladium **10.00** Film: Knuckle (2011) **11.30** Wainwright: The Man Who Loved the Lakes

ITV2

2.35 Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) **4.25** Film: The Mummy (1999) **6.50** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008)

ITV3

3.40 Film: Summer Holiday (1963) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Wire in the Blood

ITV4

2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. Coverage of stage 14 of the world's most famous cycle race. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** The Professionals **6.00** Tommy Cooper **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Premiership Rugby **9.00** Film: Demolition Man (1993) **11.15** Film: The Gauntlet (1977)

E4

3.50 Glee **4.50** New Girl **5.20** The Big Bang Theory **8.15** Revenge **7.10** Film: Dr Dolittle (1998) **9.00** World's Greatest Body Shockers **11.05** 2 Broke Girls **11.35** New Girl

Film4

3.10 The Time Machine (1960) **5.20** Titanic (1997) **9.00** Aliens (1986) James Cameron's sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver and Lance Henriksen.



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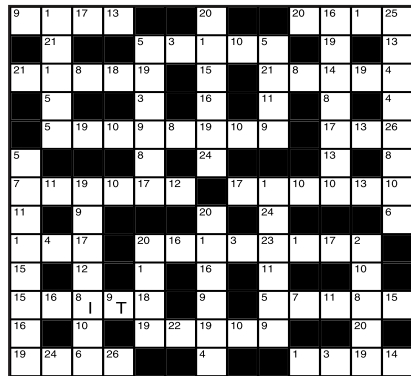


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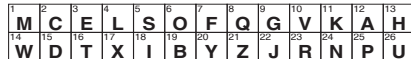
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Cryptic Clues:

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1. A more sanctimonious supporter? (4)
8. Nevertheless there's a lack of variety (3,3,4)
9. Place set aside for development? (4,4)
10. Preposition to put in first (4)
12. A girl that is following another (6)
14. Marks that upset good men (6)
15. Very little time (6)
17. But he needn't be licensed to make tea! (6)
18. The kind to operate an office machine (4)
19. Strongly reminiscent of State Aid in rent (8)
21. Perhaps pity is love, really (10)
22. Rings back repeatedly for nothing special (2-2)

Down

2. Inability in volume (10)
3. It's coarse to have a quarrel (4)
4. Retreat for a chap about fifty (6)
5. Comes to a similar conclusion (6)
6. Set a time for the reckoning (8)
7. A Roman emperor, in a manner of speaking (4)
11. The unusually stern needs of affection (10)
13. It makes an occasion memorable (8)
16. I wager it's different for an insect (6)
17. There's a lot he wants, presumably! (6)
18. Sends a morse message, and intercepts it! (4)
20. Sets down songs (4)

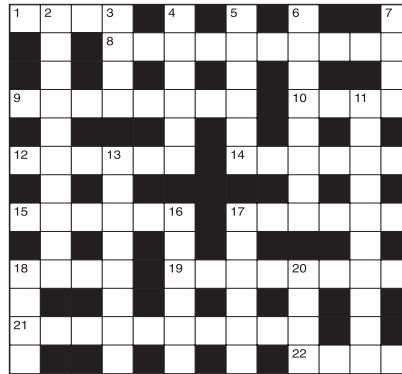
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Salute (4)
8. After some delay (2,4,4)
9. Differ (8)
10. Offhand (4)
12. Bear witness (6)
14. Zodiac sign (6)
15. Infuse (6)
17. Boil (6)
18. Bring up (4)
19. Interrogate (8)
21. Dawn (5-2-3)
22. Sleigh (4)

Down

2. Help (10)
3. Molten rock (4)
4. Red wine (6)
5. Purpose (6)
6. Enjoyment (8)
7. Remain (4)
11. Brawl (5-5)
13. Outer (8)
16. Strong drink (6)
17. Stable (6)
18. Gem (4)
20. Playthings (4)



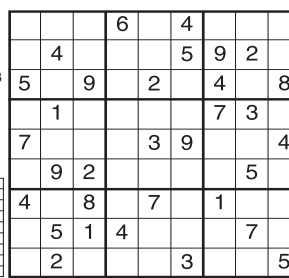
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CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Elude; 8 Tragedy; 9 Schemer; 10 Idled; 12 Sheet music; 15 Biting wind; 18 Earth; 19 Artisan; 21 Couple; 22 Rider. Down: 1 Reasonable; 2 Ought; 3 Beam; 4 Starve; 5 Talisman; 6 Realise; 11 Dictionary; 13 Handhold; 14 Sternum; 16 Wealth; 17 Aside; 20 Tare. QUICK - Across: 7 Idler; 8 Therapy; 9 Habitue; 10 Realm; 12 Possession; 15 Sedulously; 18 Yeast; 19 Enthral; 21 Enclose; 22 Might. Down: 1 Dishonesty; 2 Globe; 3 Fret; 4 Stress; 5 Reprisal; 6 Satanic; 11 Manipulate; 13 Oblation; 14 Advance; 16 Uneven; 17 Dregs; 20 Tame.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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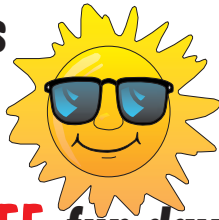
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Baby you can drive my car . . . it's a hit from a modern Beetle

MY first car was a green VW Beetle and I have fond memories of learning to drive and after passing my test exploring the country with my new found freedom.

It wasn't always plain sailing and having some mechanical ability certainly helped. Nevertheless, I have always held the Beetle in high esteem.

Some pundits have

By Neil Ward

suggested that new Beetle has evolved from the original: I disagree. If you take a look at the Porsche 911 you can see a direct line back to the original.

Not so with the Beetle, the new one has front engine, front wheel drive so for me it is a homage to the original. If this sounds like I disapprove of the new Beetle then you are mistaken.

For a start the latest incarnation of the Beetle has moved forward the latest shape the most obvious change being the rear light clusters which I was not struck on.

It is only when you compare directly with the

model before you see the significant body changes that have been made. That said it is still unmistakably a Beetle.

Opening the driver's door reveals a colour coded dashboard that is not dissimilar to my first car and gives a perspective which I think is unique in today's cars.

The dashboard is clearly laid out with what has to be the largest fuel gauge I have ever seen.

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Then I spotted the Fender decal on the door speakers. This is a £500 upgrade that gives 400watts of power a subwoofer in the boot and illuminated door speakers. It is worth every penny if you enjoy listening to your music.

What does differ dramatically from my first car is the performance and the handling. The 1.4 engine is a peach and sometimes it is difficult, because of the performance to believe it is not bigger. It pulls with an eagerness that encourages you to explore its full power. A combined fuel consumption of 40mpg also means that this performance does not need to break the bank. Handling is superb and

the Beetle can be thrown into corners confidently with suspension that is perfectly matched to the performance. Steering is precise and allows you to place the car accurately on the road.

As a driver's car the Beetle does not disappoint and the levels of grip available mean that it is sportier than it first appears.

So it is unfair to compare the new Beetle with the old? I think it is. The original Beetle has a cult following and hails from a different era when requirements for cars in a competitive market were not as strenuous as they are now. But, the new Beetle has much to commend it. From a performance perspective the Beetle provides great fun from its 1.4 engine. Handling is up there with cars with far more sporty pretensions and it is practical too.

Is it a worthy successor to the original? I think unequivocally it has to be yes.

Purists will probably hate it but the new Beetle still has no equal in the looks stakes and with modern performance it is difficult to fault.

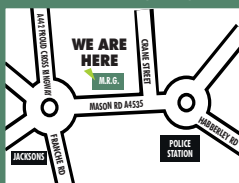


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VAUXHALL has announced a new limited edition Corsa, which will be powered by an equally new 118bhp turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol engine with stop-start technology.

The Black Edition is to be a sporty model available in three- or five-door

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Just one picture has been officially released, with order books open now and a run of 500 having been planned.

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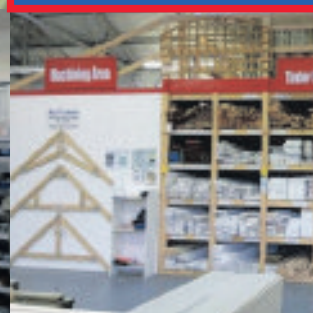
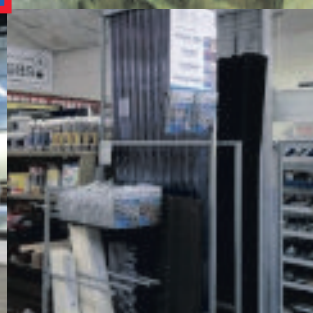
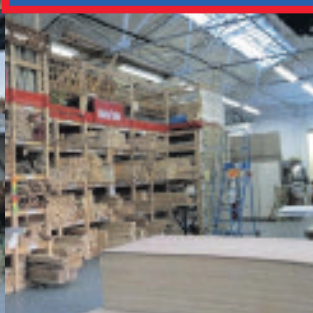
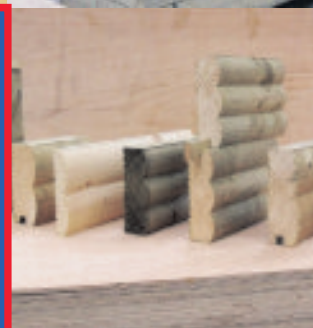
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Black belt success for judo club team

A SUPERB performance from the Samurai Judo Club's senior players saw them gain a hat-trick of new black belts at their open brown and below championships, with a former club member also gaining his black belt.

Brendan Crummy, Annabel Webb and Laura Dangerfield all finished the contest by meeting the requirements for their black belts, having already passed the theory section.

Former member Carl Fradgley, who spent his formative years at the club before joining the Royal Navy, came up from Plymouth for the event and also gained his black belt.

In addition, the club gained three gold medals, four silvers and two bronzes.

In the senior ladies event, Dangerfield and Webb took five wins apiece to meet in the semi-final, which Dangerfield won.

But she eventually had to settle for silver, while Webb won bronze. Their assorted victories were enough to complete their contest requirements for their black belts.

The senior men started with a lower grade section. Samurai's one entrant, Dan Jones, was on brilliant form to take the gold medal, his best performance yet.

Heavyweight

The men's high grades started at under-66 kilos. Brendan Crummy took the gold, and the final points he needed for his black belt.

Samurai's Joe Johnstone competed in the under-73 kilos.

He clocked up two good maximum-point wins in the pool, but was unfortunate to just miss out.

Mike Marsden in the under-81 kilos group reached the final and took silver.

Alex Poulton, in the under-90 kilos, reached the final where he beat a good Welsh player for gold.

Fradgley took the silver medal in the over-90 kilos category and then added bronze in the heavyweight open.

His last win gave him the points he needed for his black belt.

Finally Crummy entered the lightweight open, despite being easily the lightest player in the group.

He reached the final where he lost to a very good Nottingham player.

Harriers flying as they get started in training



Harriers manager Steve Burr with his chief scout Andy Fearn

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers started the countdown to the upcoming Blue Square Premier season after returning to pre-season training.

The squad reported to the Chainwire Sports Ground in Kidderminster last Thursday, ahead of their campaign

opener at Lincoln on Saturday August 11.

Harriers' quest for promotion to the Football League will then be resumed and Steve Burr's men have gone close in the past two seasons, twice missing a play-off spot after finishing sixth.



Kidderminster Harriers players hit the ground running as they get prepared for the upcoming Blue Square Premier season



Exodus Geohaghton (dark shirt) was among the signings who trained with their new club



Goalkeeper Danny Lewis is starting pre-season after an anterior cruciate ligament injury

Choudary halts a valiant KO Cup bid

BELBROUGHTON made a valiant attempt to win the Worcester County League seconds' Knockout Cup final against Redditch.

It was played at the second attempt at Ombersley but it was Redditch who came through to win, writes *Chris Marsh*. They opted to bat and Noman Choudary made 89 not out - including six off each of the last four balls - to take them to 159-6 from their 15 eight-ball overs with no other batsman getting past 10.

That left Belbroughton to score at more than 10 per over and they were doing well until Choudary intervened, taking 4-30 to cement the man-of-the-match award. Belbroughton ended on 144-8 to lose by 15 runs, despite knocks of 31 and 39 from Richard Wrigley and Mark Burrows respectively.

Just two matches took place in the Worcester County League. Ian Hutton struck 77 not out in just 10 overs to guide Stourbridge Second Seconds to victory over Romsey. A 64 not out by Simon Walker helped Halesowen beat Canon Frome.

Club's trio land bronze in contest

THREE Kidderminster judo players have won a medal in the national team championships.

Samurai Judo Club's Bryony Griffiths, competing in the event for the first time, was part of the Midlands girls team.

It also featured former Samurai members Sally and Rachel Moon, now with Wolverhampton.

The event is Britain's second major team competition behind the Bev Teams.

The Midlands edged a tough match with the South of England 4-3 and then had a comfortable 6-2 win against the North-West, but lost 5-3 against Northern Home Counties.

However, this was enough to see them qualify from the pool for the semi-final, where London edged them out 5-4. This left them with a creditable bronze medal.

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Swimmer Steven Boyce
with two of his medals

Boyce is buoyed by medal bonanza

WYRE FOREST swimmer Steven Boyce heads for a world championship in the winter – encouraged by a fistful of medals in his most recent meeting.

Boyce, who trains with Wyre Forest Swimming Club, scooped five medals at the Learning Disability open meet at Reading.

It was his final competition before heading to Italy to represent his country for the sixth time in the Downs Syndrome world swimming championships.

At Reading Boyce, aged 27, bagged two gold medals, a silver and two bronzes.

He broke the three-minute barrier to take gold in the 200m freestyle in a time of two minutes 56seconds and claimed the 50m freestyle title with a winning time of 35.92sec.

Boyce has been part of the world championships team since 2002. The competition is held every two years.

League will incorporate under-18s

A WOMEN'S football league is expanding to include an under-18 section.

The move is being made by the Herefordshire Worcestershire women's county football league.

Games will be played on a Sunday afternoon to give the players a natural feed into open-age football.

At the same time, the scheduling will allow players who are part-time Saturday workers the opportunity to continue with their footballing careers.

For further details of the expansion, contact league secretary Bill Allsopp on 01299 826654 or 07867 596818.

High five for young swimmers

PUPILS from a Kidderminster school took five first places in a major sports festival.

The swimmers from Holy Trinity International School took part in the Independent Schools Association festival of sport at Nottingham and Leicester.

The festival, a mini-Olympics for independent schools, drew entries from 32 schools nationwide with more than 800 pupils competing in events ranging from athletics and swimming to hockey and basketball.

HTIS were the first-placed squadron through Eleanor Bainbridge, Eleanor Blake-way, Erin Bainbridge, Anna Middleton, Issy

Swimming

Pudney, Ella Smith, Adele Reeves and Sophie Evans. The under-13 medley relay team of Evans, Erin Bainbridge, Blake-way and Smith were first as were the Under-13 freestyle relay team of Blake-way, Middleton, Erin Bainbridge and Evans.

Individually, there were first places for Reeves in the under-11 one-length breaststroke and Evans in the under-13 two-lengths backstroke.

Erin Bainbridge was third in the under-13 two-lengths backstroke and Evans third in the under-13 two-lengths front crawl.

Reeves also had a third in the under-11 one-length front crawl.

Headteacher Pamela Leek-Wright said: "Once again our students have performed incredibly well and I congratulate each and every one of them."

"This is a fantastic individual and team achievement which should be highly commended."

"They all continue to train hard and show outstanding promise for the future."

The festival opened at the University of Nottingham Sports Centre with a spectacular display and parade of school teams and banners.



Holy Trinity pupils Eleanor Blake-way, Sophie Evans and Adele Reeves

President Day match stumped by rainfall

Leamington (8pts) 202-4
versus Kidderminster Victoria (6pts). Abandoned

THIS was the only match played in the Birmingham League Premier Division after another Saturday ruined by rain, writes Brian Gittins.

It was Vice-President's Day at Chester Road so a large crowd had assembled but a delayed start then another rain break ruined everything.

The match was reduced from 55 to 46 overs and, having won the toss, Kidderminster invited the visitors to bat. Leamington made a commendable start, scoring 69 runs for the first wicket from 21 overs. The first batsman out was Mark Best, caught Mike Wardle bowled Jonathan Wright for 42. At 87, Wright claimed a second wicket when Matt Pardoe caught David Bailey for 10.

Praise

A stand of 48 saw the total rise to 135 before Tom Lewis was out lbw to Pardoe for 25. A fourth wicket fell on the same total with opener Alex Phillips out for a hard-earned 50, again to an lbw decision, with Zac Turley the bowler. Paul Best (26) and Lee Hopkins (39) remained not out as the match reached its end. Wright took 2-44, Pardoe 1-41 and Turley 1-46.

Leamington found the wicket to their liking and praise to Kidderminster groundsman Damon Willets who had maintained the covering in such a wet week.

The county 2nd XI had sat for four days without a ball bowled because of the rain.

It will be a busy weekend for KVCC as they play Barnt Green at home on Saturday (noon), and then make the journey up to Neston on the Wirral for the next round of the Kingfisher Beer Cup.

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LEWIS SET TO MAKE HARRIERS RETURN

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers goalkeeper Danny Lewis could make his first appearance for nearly 10 months in the pre-season friendly at Romulus on Saturday.

Lewis last played in a Blue Square Premier game at Grimsby last September before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee on the training ground.

The 30-year-old has battled back to fitness ever since and returned for pre-season training last Thursday.

His first game time could come against the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Division One South opposition on Saturday as the club's only recognised first-choice goalkeeper.

Dean Lyness is set to sign for Football League club Burton while Tony Breeden – who finished last season with the No.1 spot – was released to make a move league rivals Tamworth.

And Lewis, the club's Player of the Year in 2010-11, is confident he will be back up to scratch by the time pre-season has drawn to a close.

He said: "If I'm not fit now, I will be in six weeks for the start of the season!"

"With regard to my knee, I think it is about as good as it's going to be."

"There's still a bit more work to do in building the muscles up to the same size as my other leg but a good pre-season will go a long way to sorting that."

"It was the first time I have been looking forward to the start of pre-season and I'm quite optimistic about this campaign."

"Fingers crossed, I can be back playing and, hopefully, be in for a good season."

Harriers boss Steve Burr has been busy assessing the

by Craig Birch

squad and that will continue right up to the big kick-off for the season on Saturday August 11.

Lewis could well be between the sticks when they travel to play Lincoln at Sincil Bank and Burr agrees that match is the main focus. He said: "We use the players in the way we feel is best to keep them fresh, because it's all about gearing towards that first game at Lincoln."

"I always think that a good pre-season under your belt not only stands you in good stead for the season, but also determines how many injuries you end up picking up."

"Players expect it to be tough but lads are a lot fitter these days and are quite proud of that."

"They go in the gym on a regular basis and it has been very pleasing to see the fitness levels of the boys coming back in."

"We are doing some work gearing into Saturday and the players are looking forward to it – there is nothing like a match."

"Fitness and match fitness are two very different things and that's what these friendships are all about."

Young badminton players scoop award



Members of Bewdley Colts with their trophy, from left, Mollie Howell-Morgan, aged 16; Ryan Bamford, 12; William Howell-Morgan, 11; Anna Cooper, 14; Hannah Poole, 13; Niall Allen, 14 and Sam Bird, 14

BEWDLEY COLTS Badminton Club are celebrating winning an award.

They were handed the Worcestershire Schools Badminton Association junior league award to mark their success in developing players for the junior and county squads.

The award was collected on behalf of the club by members Sam Bird and Niall Allen at the Worcestershire Badminton Association AGM.

Coach Dave Barnett said: "The

players were over the moon to be presented with their trophies by the WBA."

"The county trials were held at Tudor Grange for the Under-11, U13, U15 and U17 teams. We entered 12 players from across all age groups out of the total of 90 entries from across the county. This is a fantastic achievement, best ever and was appreciated by county selectors and organisers."

"We're now just waiting to hear how we got on, with those successful due to receive letters inviting them into the new squads for September."

Bewdley Leisure Centre, where the Colts train, is looking at organising summer badminton activities during the second and fifth weeks of the summer holidays.

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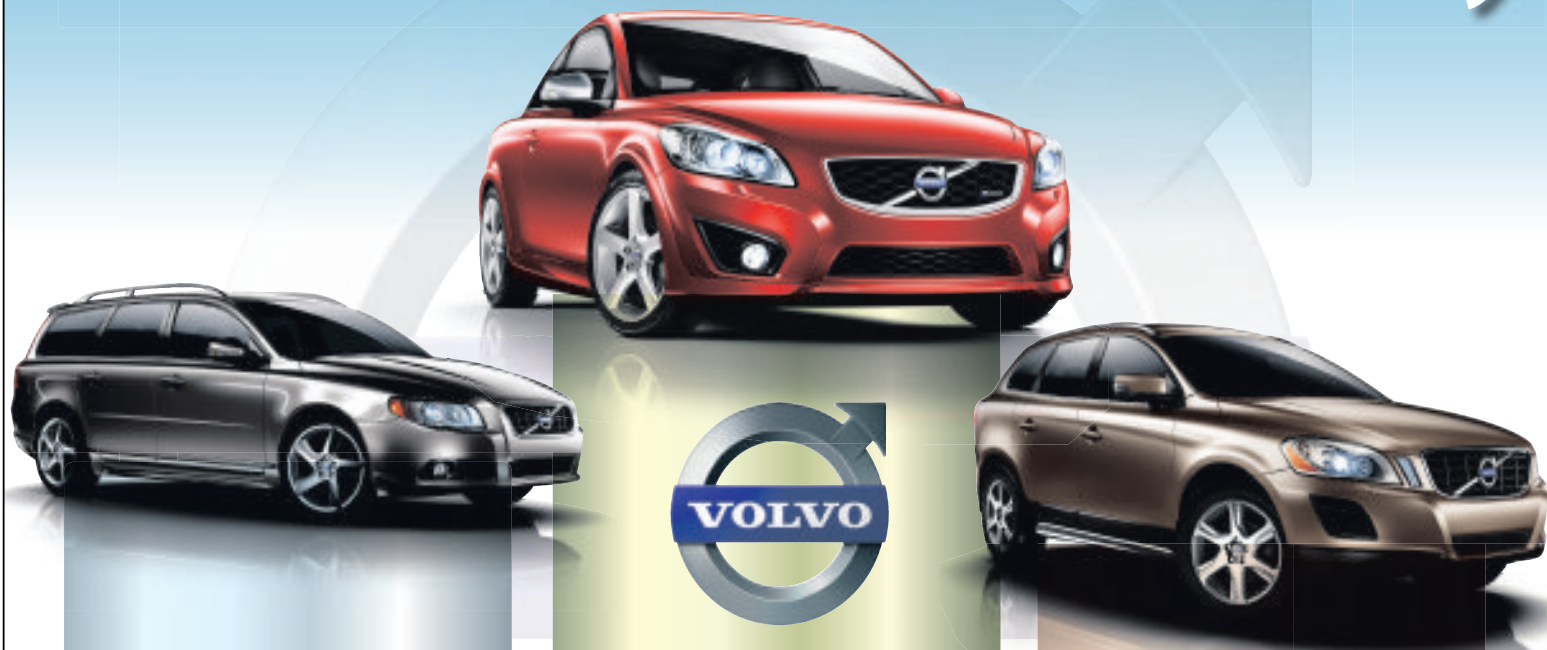
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Deposit	£6,846.00	Representative	0.0% APR
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Interest	£0.00	Total amount payable.....	£ 13,686.00
Total charge for credit	£ 0.00	Duration of the agreement	36 months

Mazda MX-5 1.8 SE ROADSTER COUPE



NOW £15,997
SAVING £3,998

LIMITED STOCKS

FINANCE EXAMPLE: Mazda MX-5 1.8SE Roadster Coupe

Cash price of vehicle.....	£15,997.00	Interest rate (fixed for the duration of the agreement).....	0.00%
Deposit	£8,077.00	Representative	0.0% APR
Amount of credit	£7,920.00	36 monthly payments of	£220.00
Interest	£0.00	Total amount payable.....	£15,997.00
Total charge for credit	£0.00	Duration of the agreement	36 months

Mazda MX-5 1.8 SE SOFT TOP



NOW £13,997
SAVING £3,998

LIMITED STOCKS

FINANCE EXAMPLE: Mazda MX-5 1.8 SE Soft Top

Cash price of vehicle.....	£13,997.00	Interest rate (fixed for the duration of the agreement).....	0.00%
Deposit	£7,193.00	Representative	0.0% APR
Amount of credit	£6,804.00	36 monthly payments of	£189.00
Interest	£0.00	Total amount payable.....	£13,997.00
Total charge for credit	£0.00	Duration of the agreement	36 months

0% based on 50% deposit, deposit maybe greater than 50% for examples shown.

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